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I decided to forgo the online retailers for now, and try my hand at upgrading my rod/reel by shopping locally. A buddy of mine was supposed to go with me last weekend to Slate run to take advantage of their 20% off when you bring in a kids rod to donate, but our schedules didn't allow time. I'm hoping the owners can help me with both my budget (preferably no more than \$200-\$250 for rod and reel) as well as where I fish (Lycoming, Pine, Little Pine, Loyalsock, etc.).

Any thoughts on rods I should be looking at specifically? General advice? I'm pretty sure I'm sticking with an 8'6" 5wt (what I have now), but am open to suggestions and hope both places allow me to cast.